

## **Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes**

Jorgenson's Restaurant Meeting Room

1720-11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Helena

June 26, 2012

Members in Attendance: Vaughn Kauffman, Erica Swanson, Edith McClafferty, Diana Tavary, Sharon Tregidga, Lora Griffin, Christa Seger, Chris Bilant, Tia Davis, Terry Galle, Marilyn Davis, Carolyn Prill, Bob Stansberry, Theresa Baldry, Jim Marks

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Mick Leary, Doug Roberts

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Steve York, Susan Bailey-Anderson, Doug Doty, Dale Kimmet, Karen Crogan, Anne Rainey, Marlene Wallis

Chairperson Christa Seger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Panel members, OPI staff and visitors introduced themselves.

### **Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Edith McClafferty moved to accept the Proposed Agenda, Terry Galle seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was approved as written.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the May 3-4, 2012, Panel meeting. Edith McClafferty moved to accept the minutes, Lora Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The minutes of the May 3-4, 2012, Panel meeting were approved as written.

Dick Trerise announced that election of officers for 2012-2013 will be held today and a list of Officer Eligibility for 2012-2013 is included in the packet.

### **OPI Report—Steve York**

NCLB Waiver: Steve York reported that Montana has not applied for a waiver, but held our AMOs nearly steady for last year; this year is still being debated.

Montana Schools of Promise: Steve noted that the grant is active in three districts and all are showing progress in raising expectations under NCLB and Adequate Yearly progress.

Montana Behavior Initiative and Quaglia Institute: There were 26,000 students, grades 6-12, that took the "My Voice" survey this past school year. The survey will be available free again this coming school year thanks to the Pearson Foundation. The MBI is continuing to work closely with the Quaglia Institute in helping schools put the data to use to make a difference in their school climate.

Career and Tech Ed—MCIS: Steve informed the Panel that More than 96 percent of students who take three or more CTE courses graduate from high school. Four schools are involved in

the rigorous program of study construction grant. The OPI hopes to offer a bill in the next legislative session that will help the survival of CTE Student Organizations that are at great financial risk.

National Common Core Standards: Steve said that the standards have been adopted by the Board of Public Education.

School Foods and Health Enhancement: After 15 years, the meal plan has been updated. There will be challenges in getting the plan up and running. A Direct Certification grant was received that will allow students in families receiving Food Stamps to be automatically signed up for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Steve reported that Driver's Education continues to struggle with funding. A bill will be offered in the 2013 Legislature to utilize a greater percentage of the funds from licensing to go toward Driver's Education.

According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Montana kids have areas of concern, as well as many brighter spots.

Chapter 55—Accreditation Standards Review: The revised accreditation standards are about to come up for public review. Once passed by the Board of Public Education the new rules will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

The Growth and Enhancement of Montana Students (GEMS) data system is up and running. We received a federal grant which allows K-12 to link our longitudinal data system to the colleges.

Steve informed the Panel that the OPI is bracing for federal cuts.

#### **Division Update/Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) State Determination**

Frank Podobnik informed the Panel that as of the first of June, OSEP is working on Montana's submission of the APR/SPP. He said that it is expected that we will fall into the "needs assistance" based on our Transition Data.

Frank noted that the MBI Summer Institute had over 900 participants in June. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Institute.

Special Education is wrapping up the fiscal year.

Frank told the Panel that a monitoring position is opening in the School Improvement/Compliance Monitoring Unit.

A new structure is anticipated for the Regional Resource Centers. Montana has been with the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center and they know us well. If we are changed it could hurt Montana in getting effective help from other centers. Montana has always been able to pick

up the telephone to contact MPRRC and receive assistance. The OPI has always had good rapport with the MPRRC.

### **Parents, Let's Unite for Kids**

Diana Tavary discussed her experience with the Field Issues Process. Diana shared that she had made the OPI aware of a number of issues in a particular school district and that she had continued to be involved in the process of investigating those issues as it had moved forward.

### **Election of Officers/Recognizing Outgoing Panel Members**

Panel members reviewed the Officer Eligibility list for nominations for the 2012-2013 school year.

Vaughn Kauffman nominated Bob Stansberry for the position of Chairperson, Carolyn Prill seconded the motion, Vaughn Kauffman moved that nominations be closed and Lora Griffin moved to elect Bob Stansberry by acclamation for the position of Chairperson. This motion passed and Bob Stansberry was elected for the position of Chairperson.

Teresa Baldry nominated Marilyn Davis for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Chris Bilant seconded the nomination, Diana Tavary moved that nominations be closed and Sharon Tregidga moved to elect Marilyn Davis by acclamation for the position of Vice-Chairperson. This motion passed and Marilyn Davis was elected for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Vaughn Kauffman nominated Lora Griffin for the position of Secretary, Edith McClafferty seconded the motion, Edith McClafferty moved that nominations be closed and Theresa Baldry moved to elect Lora Griffin by acclamation for the position of Secretary. The motion passed and Lora Griffin was elected for the position of Secretary.

Dick Trerise thanked the outgoing members for their contributions to the Advisory Panel and presented them with appreciation plaques. The outgoing members were: Christa Seger, Mick Leary, and Terry Galle (Second Term). Mick Leary was unable to attend the meeting and his plaque will be mailed.

### **CSPD/Professional Development**

Susan Bailey-Anderson updated the Panel on the various programs of the Professional Development Unit. There are five CSPD Regions with coordinators. The coordinators identify what is happening in the regions. The regions support SPDG, RTI and Early Childhood.

The MBI Summer Institute has 872 registered for training on June 17-22, 2012. This includes Tiers Intervention, School Mental Health and Early Childhood.

The MBI Youth Days will focus on Building Universal Expectations, Belonging in School, as well as other areas.

## **Montana Autism Education Program**

Doug Doty updated the Panel on the Montana Autism Education Project Activities. There are 832 students with autism in Montana (747 last year).

Activities:

Libraries and Autism Presentation, plus Conference Panel  
Montana Counseling Association Conference Presentation  
WebABLLS Test Project (online assessment and data tracking)  
Autism Training  
Rethink Autism  
iPad Summits—Kalispell, Bozeman and Miles City  
August Institute – Pablo  
UM Professional Preparation Grant Request  
Montana Assistive Technology Advisory Panel Board Meeting  
Missoula Social Skills Groups  
Helena Conference September 28-29 (Information for families)  
MCEL/MEA Presentation on MAEP

## **Public Comment**

The chairperson asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

## **Additional Items**

Meeting Date—September 13-14, 2012

Agenda Items:

- Orientation
- E-Grants
- Level of Determination
- Verification Process
- Project REAL

## **Adjourn**

Carolyn Prill moved to adjourn the meeting, Terry Galle seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.